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In response to the Final Office Action, dated August 25, 1998, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(once amended) 1. A method of routing a packet of binary digital signals through a network, said method comprising[the steps of]:

receiving at a switch in said network the packet of binary digital signals as encoded binary digital signals including a bit pattern chosen so that when the bit pattern is encoded it directly provides information regarding routing the packet through the network in its encoded form[encoded binary digital signals used to route the packet through the network]; and

copying said bit pattern[encoded binary digital signals used to route the packet though the network], at least for decoding[the encoded binary digital signals].



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Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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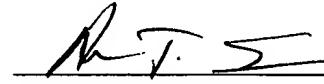
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